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### Preface



This special issue of Procedia – Social Behavioral Sciences comprises the selected papers presented at the International Conference on Research Paradigms Transformation in Social Sciences 2014, which was held in Tomsk on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> of October on the basis of Tomsk Polytechnic University.

The following topics were discussed within the framework of the conference:

- 1 - Discrimination and gender problems in modern society
- 2 - Evaluation and improvement of the social, economic and emotional wellbeing
- 3 - Innovation strategy for education and cognitive management
- 4 - Power, communication and Internet
- 5 - Historical retrospective of modern society and tolerance issues

A unifying link of the wide range of the discussed problems is the orientation of the reports towards the consideration and understanding of the modern achievements of social sciences in the scope of the innovative trajectory of modern society evolvement and practical application of the scientific-research projects in the social practices. The issues of discrimination in the system of social relations, problems of gender discrimination of social processes, prospects of formation and continuous development of social and emotional well-being, the questions of transformation of the modern educational system, challenges of formation of the cognitive management system, diversity of communicative practices, role of science and power in the processes of foundation of the communicative space, role of the Internet in the social relations, historical prospects and genesis of the modern social problems have been discussed at the conference.

The topicality of the held conference is conditioned by the priority significance of the social constituent in the modern society independently of the fact within the limit of what area this constituent reveals itself, as well as by the necessity of taking into account the social factor in the science and education development. This conference orientates itself to the modern technologies and recent achievements in the scope of social sciences and social assessment of the science and technology, basing on the interdisciplinary approach in the solution of the assigned tasks. The authoritative researchers will share their experience of such approach application.

The students of the first years of study and senior schoolchildren are supposed to take an active part in the work of the conference. For this purpose a workshop training with participation of the well-known scientists, such as G.I. Petrova – Ph.D., a professor of Tomsk State University, V.A. Surovtsev - Ph.D., a professor of Tomsk State University, N.V. Trubnikov - Ph.D., a professor of Tomsk Polytechnic University and etc. will be provided.

It is a great pleasure to know that the journal takes an active part in the international collaboration inviting representatives of different continents and states to participate in the conference. I would like to thank all the participants of the conference, who took an active part in preparation of the issue for publication, in editing of the papers, and conducted such an enormous organizational work.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the articles presented in this issue.

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